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1. In early December 1954, two projects included in the 1955 Investment Plan for Road Construction Work were cancelled in favor of the following two projects of the Ministry of Interior.

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a. ~~at Nordhausen, Bezirk Neubrandenburg~~, involving the surfacing of 1,200 square meters of highway at an estimated cost of 40,000 DME.

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b. ~~at Nordhausen, Bezirk Neubrandenburg~~, involving the surfacing of 13,000 square meters of highway for which 300,000 DME have been allocated so far.

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2. Orders for 1955 road construction projects of the Ministry of the Interior involving an estimated outlay of 20 million DME are issued by the Roads Department of the HV S. rassenwesen.

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3. Motor vehicles from other construction sites and enterprises were ~~transferred to Nordhausen~~ where construction work on behalf of the Ministry of the Interior was going on. The project was scheduled to be completed by 18 December 1954.

4. Leiser (fnu), chief of the Main Administration, was ordered to revise the table of organization of the Projecting Office and its five affiliated branch offices at Schwerin, Potsdam, Halle, Dresden and Erfurt. No reduction of personnel was proposed in view of the fact that projects of the State Secretariat for Coal involving an outlay of 30 million DME and the Ministry of the Interior involving an expenditure of 20 million DME were being handled by this office and in view of the intended rearmament which would necessitate large-scale construction work.

5. ~~Seifert~~ (fnu), chief of the Cottbus State Road Maintenance Enterprise was to be appointed chief of the Constructions and Operations ~~Department~~.

6. ~~Reinhardt~~ (fnu), chief of operations, Kesewalter (fnu), chief of planning, and two leading officials of the SSUB Erfurt were dismissed without notice and excluded from the Party.

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7. In early December, 800,000 DME, not 1,130,000 DME as previously planned, were approved by the State Planning Commission. There were

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orders to the effect that this sum was to be spent exclusively for machinery and equipment requested from the USSR and not for equipment to be imported [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. Road construction projects in the area of the KVP Army Group North are concerned. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Walter Ulbricht was to be present at the opening ceremonies of this KVP installation, the completion of which was accelerated.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Leiser (fnu) was previously reported as chief of the Main Department for Roads. The critical financial situation of the GDR which necessitates a reduction of public projects was pointed out previously.

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4. [redacted] Comment. Schlag)(fnu) is reported for the first time. Nadoll (fnu) has so far been acting chief of the constructions and operations department. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. The names of the two officials of the SSUB (Staatlicher [redacted] [redacted] were reported for the first time.

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6. [redacted] Comment. The cancelling of orders for [redacted] road building machinery was reported previously. [redacted]

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